

**Memorandum of the Meeting
Regular Study Session
Twenty-Sixth Town Council of Highland
Monday, December 01, 2008**

The regular study session of the Twenty-Sixth Town Council of the Town of Highland was convened at the regular place, the Highland Municipal, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in the plenary meeting room on Monday, December 01, 2008 at the time of 7:10 o'clock p.m.

Silent Roll Call: Mark A. Herak, Dan Vassar, Brian Novak, Konnie Kuiper and Bernie Zemen were present. The Clerk-Treasurer Michael W. Griffin was present to memorialize the proceedings. A quorum was attained.

Also present: George Georgeff, Commander of Police; and Ed Dabrowski and Carlos Aburto, Parks and Recreation Board members were present.

General Substance of Matters Discussed

1. The Town Council discussed the availability of the property at 3309 Ridge Road as presented by Commander Georgeff. He reported that the owner is a residential care resident and anticipated a court order requiring the sale of the property. Commander Georgeff suggested that the price would be likely very favorable, perhaps only five figures.

The discussion included the whether or not there was a perceived need for the added property, particularly without a firm plan related to developing a new Town complex.

The discussion included concerns about making the proposed expenditure prior to the actual greater expenditure related to the flooding problem in Highland.

The Town Council discussed the Sanitary District remediation plan, estimated to cost 40 million dollars. The conversation included whether or not the estimated price was correct, and whether or not the approach as presented by the Sanitary District was desirable. The discussion included whether or not an approach including resizing existing sanitary sewers and removing the illegal collections may be preferable.

The Town Council discussed the ways and means of either constructing a new Town Hall or retrofitting the existing building. The discussion included whether or not a professional should be commissioned to examine the current needs of the existing building. The discussion included the concern about the tax impact of the Sanitary District, the Parks and Recreation reconstruction and the appropriateness of capital plan priorities.

Councilor Kuiper departed at 8:00 p.m.

The discussion continued about urging focus on the sanitary sewer remediation plan. The discussion included urging the Board of Sanitary Commissioners to make progress. The discussion included consideration of the merits of using existing park property as temporary storage for storm water. The discussion included suggesting that a consensus be formed regarding the sanitary remediation plan.

Commander Georgeff suggested that the issue of the house could be delayed for a final commitment next Monday, December 8, 2008.

Commander Georgeff departed at 8:21 p.m.

2. The Town Council discussed the ways and means of the organization and execution of the commemoration of the Centennial of the Town's incorporation. The discussion included determining how much progress the existing Commission had made on the Centennial of

the Town. It was determined to discuss the matter further with representatives of the CEC at the Town Council's next meeting. The discussion included consideration of a suggestion that members of the Community Events Commission and the Chamber of Commerce be invited to meet with the Town Council during a study session following the plenary meeting.

3. The Town Council discussed the health insurance and ~~possible~~ means to lower premium costs.
4. The Town Clerk-Treasurer issued an updated memorandum listing the positions subject to term expiration and reappointment. The clerk-treasurer also provided the councilors present with an executive summary outlining appointment authority and composition of the boards and commissions of the municipality. The Town Council discussed the prospect of scheduling interviews with prospective candidates for appointment for boards and commissions on perhaps Wednesday, December 10 and Thursday, December 11 or Tuesday, December 16, 2008, depending upon the availability of the clerk-treasurer or the deputy clerk-treasurer to attend. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that he had a conflict on Wednesday, December 10. Councilor Vassar volunteered to contact the interested persons who have submitted applications that are on file.

There were no further discussions or any further matters to come before the Town Council. The regular study session of the Twenty-Sixth Highland Town Council of Monday, December 01, 2008 was adjourned at 9:00 o'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA
Clerk-Treasurer